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RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

This paper responds to the Office Action mailed August 16, 2006. This response is timely filed because it is being filed with a request for a one-month extension of time, which extends the response due date to December 16, 2006. The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 11.

Remarks begin on page 12.

Replacement drawings are attached at the end of this document.